

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 242

Topic: Muckaty

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Senator Siewert asked:

It has been confirmed over the phone by FaHCSIA Department staff that the Minister received a letter dated April 14, 2010 from Traditional Owners of Manuwangku/Warلمانpa Land Trust who are opposed to the Muckaty radioactive waste dump proposal.

This letter states objection to the waste dump proposal and requests the Minister act to move the boundary between the Northern Land Council and Central Land Council jurisdictions so that Muckaty is situated within the CLC region.

Signatories to the letter state they have never received a response to their letter or request for action, despite numerous phone calls to inquire about the matter before, during and after the federal election period.

Can the Department confirm that the Minister received this letter dated 14th of April 2010?

Answer:

The Minister received this letter, although it did not reach her office until 16 June 2010.

A response was sent to the Hon Gerry McCarthy MLA on 12 November 2010 as requested by the signatories' petition.